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SPOUSES TO GET USE OF DINING ROOM IN EVENINGS

As soon as details can be completed, unaccompanied spouses of members will be entitled to use the main Dining Room during the dinner hours, according to an action taken by the Board of Governors at its Feb. 26 meeting. A special card will be issued, at a price of \$10.00 per year, to wives or husbands of members desiring to take advantage of this opportunity. They will thereafter be able to use the Dining Room, on evenings only, for themselves and their guests.

Present restrictions on the use of the Members' Grill and the Dining Room during the noon hour will remain in effect — spouses will not be entitled to use these facilities unless accompanied by the member spouse.

NEW REFUGEES - NEW PROBLEMS

Widespread concern about the deepening refugee crisis in Viet Nam has intensified interest in the Monday, March 11 Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum.

The Forum will feature Sen. Jacob K. Javits, talking on the subject of world-wide refugee problems. The senior New York senator — a candidate this year for his third senatorial term — will discuss problems created by the world's 16 million refugees, more than 11 million of them in Asia and the Middle East.

Javits will be introduced by OPC's *Leo Cherne*, chairman of the International Rescue Committee — America's leading non-sectarian voluntary agency helping refugees from tyranny, persecution and war. IRC, now observing its 35th anniversary, is conducting a major program of refugee assistance in Viet Nam.

The savage fighting starting on Jan.

Board Chooses Talbert for Hearing; Okays Election Group, Cartoon Award

By JOSEPH HARROW

Board Member *Ansel E. Talbert* was named to represent OPC at a Congressional hearing on the proposed overseas travel tax, members of the 1968 Election Committee were appointed, and a new Award category was established for Best Cartoon on Foreign Affairs (effective next year), at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Board of Governors.

In designating Talbert to represent OPC at hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee, the Board noted its opposition to the travel tax proposal in general, as tending to reduce opportunities for mutual understanding between Americans and people of other countries, and expressed special opposition to having the tax apply to newsmen on

professional working assignments abroad.

Talbert emphasized the point that the tax would be "an ineffective method of tackling the balance of payments problem," while *Richard de Rochemont* warned that it "would certainly be inimical to the free exchange of peoples and ideas," and tend to cut down on needed overseas travel by newsmen.

Election Committee

President *Hal Lehrman* nominated, and the Board confirmed, the following members to serve on the Election Committee, which will have responsibility for the management of this year's Club elections: *Jack Frummer* (who has served on the committee for several years), chairman; Associate members *Hallie Burnett*, *Harry Jiler*, *Alton Kastner*, *Frances Kish* and *Werner Renberg*; Club Counsel *Frank Wachsmith*; and Active members *John Luter* and *Anita Diamant Berke*. As in the past, the Associates (with the Counsel) will canvass the votes for posts to be filled by Active members. This year marks a new departure, however, in that a new Constitutional amendment calls for the election of two Associate members to the Board. The votes for these will be supervised by Active members *Luter* and *Diamant*.

The establishment of an Award for Best Cartoon interpreting Foreign Affairs was voted following a proposal by *Jerry Robinson*, President of the National Cartoonists Society. It will be awarded for the first time next year.

Rentals to Groups

After considerable discussion, the Board approved additional resolutions to clarify policy on the use of Club space rented to outside groups for meet-

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WORLD-WIDE TICKER

Edited by JERRY KRISKA

DEGAULLE FAVORS SOME CORRESPONDENTS

By BERN REDMONT

PARIS — President de Gaulle once said, "To receive a great number of journalists is a pleasure . . . A small number, a nuisance . . . And a single one, an agony." This is why de Gaulle holds only one press conference every six months, and never gives on-the-record interviews to individual newsmen . . .

The General, in his declining years, has begun to soften his rule a bit. He's just given private audiences to Cy Sulzberger of the NY Times, to Jean Ferniot, of Radio Luxembourg and France-Soir, to Harold King, ex- of Reuters, and to Philippe de Saint-Robert of the Gaullist "Notre Republique." None of the four reported their conversations as such, under the ground rules.

Sulzberger's NY Times prestige earns him occasional talks with the General, and he always does a thinly-disguised series later, reporting what he believes to be the General's views, without quotes. De Gaulle makes these exceptions for "writers" as opposed to journalists. King and Saint-Robert are outspoken pro-Gaullists.

For King, aged 69, it was a semi-farewell visit. Retiring as assistant general manager and director for France of Reuters, King becomes Paris corre-

spondent for the Toronto Telegram. The General refers to him as "Mon cher ami" when he asks planted questions at news conferences. New Reuters bureau chief in Paris is Kevin Garry, 30, former Tokyo bureau chief.

The correspondents clan gathered in presence of man. ed. Kermit Lansner for a big sendoff party for **Joel Blocker**, Newsweek bureau chief, who is off to Saigon. New Newsweek chief here is **Edward Behr**. New man in bureau is **Richard Z. Chesnoff**.

Peter Kalischer, CBS, back to Viet Nam on assignment from his Paris base.

This correspondent made flying trip to US for speaking engagement before World Affairs Council in Boston, and TV and radio appearances.

FINER'S OUSTER SHOCKS ATHENS NEWSMEN

By FRITZ OPPER

ATHENS — The foreign press corps here has been shaken by the refusal of the Greek Government to renew the residence permit of Leslie Finer, for 14 years correspondent here of the BBC and London Sunday Observer. He was charged with biased, meaning anti-government, reporting, and given a month, then a day, and finally a week to leave the country. The action came shortly after George Drossos, part-time Mutual correspondent, was jailed for 19 days without being furnished any explanation either for his arrest or release.

There have been a number of press developments here since the late **Al Wagg's** last letter in this space. For one, his widow, Rosemary, has returned to carry on representing Travel Agent magazine and the Journal of Commerce.

The UPI has opened an Athens Bureau and **John Rigos**, here formerly with the Christian Science Monitor and Newsweek and more lately in Beirut and the Congo, has been tapped for the post of bureau chief. Also among arrivals are **Abe Sirkin** as the US Embassy's PAO and **Alan H. Heil, Jr.**, formerly in Cairo, as the VOA roving correspondent in the Mid-East.

Sam Modiano, the doyen of the Athens press corps, has retired as head of the Reuters bureau although he continues to be active, filing now for the Chicago Tribune and the Daily Telegraph. Sam, given an O.B.E. in a ceremony at the British Embassy on his retirement from Reuters, was succeeded at the British agency by **Noel Hudson**, formerly in Cairo.

Stapleton Dead

William B. Stapleton, former member and a combat news photographer in Korea, died of cancer in Houston Feb. 19.

Stapleton, 48, also a former picture editor for *Collier's* and graphic arts director for *The Miami Herald*, currently had been coordinator of color printing for *The Houston Chronicle*.

He joined *Collier's* as a war correspondent and photographer in 1949, after serving as photographer on *The Miami Herald*. Stapleton was cited in 1965 for his contributions to photo journalism by the National Press Photographers Association.

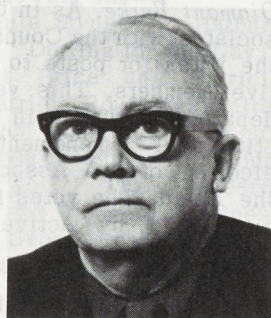
He was art director for World Book Encyclopedia Science Service in Houston from 1963 until last April, when he joined *The Chronicle*.

His wife, Libby, and a daughter, Becky, survive.

OPPER NAMED ATHENS BULLETIN REPORTER

Fritz Oppen has become *The Bulletin's* Athens correspondent, replacing **Alfred Wagg**, who died Nov. 19.

Oppen is a long-time correspondent for Radio Free Europe. His last eight years have been spent in Athens; his prior RFE assignments included two years in Sweden and four years in London.



Oppen

Previous experience included 10 years with ABC in London and the Far East. He also has been editor of *The Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury* (both in Shanghai and Chungking) and was associated with *The Toledo* (Ohio) *News-Bee* and the Griffin News Bureau in Washington, D.C. He is a frequent contributor to magazines, newspapers and radio.

DUKE DUE BACK

By JESSIE STEARNS

WASHINGTON — **Angier Biddle Duke**, US Ambassador to Spain, returns here April 1 to take over again as Chief of Protocol at the State Department.

He served as Protocol Chief from January, 1961, to March, 1965, when he was appointed to his ambassadorial post. He succeeds **James W. Symington**, who is leaving to run as a Democrat for US Congress from St. Louis, Mo.

Two former OPC presidents and their wives were guests at President and Mrs. Johnson's black-tie dinner honoring House Speaker **John McCormack** and his wife, Vice President and Mrs. **Hubert Humphrey**, and Chief Justice and Mrs. **Earl Warren**.

They were **John C. Daly**, VOA Director, and labor columnist **Victor Riesel**, **William Randolph Hearst, Jr.**, and his wife also were there.

Edgar J. Miller, Jr., has translated from Portuguese into English "A Life and Secret" by Brazilian **Autran Dourado**. (See page 7)

NEW YORK SCENE

Sat., March 2 — OPC Cabaret, 7:00 p.m. No admission.

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How Dutch Can You Get?

Tues., March 5 — Holland Regional Dinner. Cocktails, 6:30; dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$6.00. Member and one guest.

Dutch food for this colorful event comes to us via KLM and will be prepared under the supervision of that airline's chief chef. Dutch bulbs for the tables, and Dutch beer mugs, chocolates, and cheeses among the many door prizes. Menu covers courtesy Holland-America Line. Entertainment by a Dutch harmonica player. Honored guest, D.A. Van Hamel, Consul General of The Netherlands.

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Mon., March 11 — Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum, with NY Sen. Jacob K. Javits. "Refugee Crisis: A Global Predicament." Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. \$5.00.

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Wed., March 13 — Irish Night in the Bistro. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvre. 6:00 p.m.

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Fri., March 15 — Middle East Correspondents Reunion. For newsmen and diplomats who served in the Middle East during the past 30 years. Cocktails, 6:30; dinner, 7:45 p.m. \$6.50.

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Tues., March 26 — India Regional Dinner. Cocktails, 6:30; dinner, 7:30 p.m. \$6.00. Member and one guest.

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Wed., April 3 — Edward R. Murrow World Affairs Forum, with General Lauris Norstad, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation, former NATO commander. "US Role in World Affairs." Luncheon, 12:30 p.m. \$5.00.

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All reservations not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged to members' accounts.

THEATER 'TWOERS' AVAILABLE AT OPC

The Theater Committee regrets that so many members were deprived of the pleasure of seeing "Darling of the Day" and "The Staircase" due to the sudden closing of those two plays.

Committee Chairman *Lin Root* notes that it is well to keep in mind that "sudden closing" may affect any Broadway play. One way to avoid disappointment is to take advantage of the OPC special prices as soon as they are announced.

The Committee is now at work to secure such special privileges for members with producers of regularly-priced shows and hopes to announce good news within a few weeks.

Meanwhile, a good supply of "twoers" (two tickets in the orchestra or mezzanine for the price of one) on

hand, available at the OPC lobby desk. The shows include "Don't Drink the Water," "I Do, I Do," "Cactus Flower," and "Festival Ballet" (at a special reduced price).

The Members' Dining Room will continue to offer pre-theater dinners — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. — (vins compris) to facilitate your timely arrival at the theater.

TO THEATER COMMITTEE

Author-magazine writer *Jean Libman Block* has joined the Club's Theater Committee, Chairman *Lin Root* announced this week.

FANNIE HURST DIES AT 78

Famed novelist and longtime OPC member *Fannie Hurst* died in New York Feb. 23 at 78.

Miss Hurst had turned in two manuscripts to her literary agent only a few weeks ago.

Her best-known book was *Back Street*, subject of several motion pictures. Also among about 30 books she produced in a career that first blossomed in the twenties were *Anitra's Dance*, *Imitation of Life* and *Great Laughter*. Before writing novels, Miss Hurst had been established as a popular short-story writer.



Hurst

Her works were better known for their sentimentality rather than literary quality. She was the object of scorn by critics, but that didn't prevent her popular writing from making her one of the highest-paid women writers of her time. In a moment of self-criticism, however, she once sadly reflected that a story, in print, never equalled her visualization and inspiration of it before going to work on it.

Her literary style was an extension of her personality in many ways; she was widely known as a compassionate crusader in social and charitable concerns.

Her trademark was the calla lily. She always wore jewelry replicas of the flower, and the theme recurs in many of the furnishings of her antique-filled West 67th Street apartment in New York.

She was the widow of Jacques S. Danielson, a noted pianist and music teacher. They kept their marriage secret for five years after they were married in about 1915.

DATELINE AD CREW

Advertising for *Dateline*, 1968, is starting to roll in, according to *Bernard Frazier*, advertising director.

Frazier this week noted that in addition to *John Sattler* and *Bob Stone*, who have worked on this project for several years, *Bill Hosie* and *Herb Teison* are lending a hand this year.

Any suggestions on prospects or queries about rates and other details should be relayed to Frazier at Firestone public relations, 563-6100.

THOSE VC ARRIVE, AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD RUNS DOWN

By WOODY DICKERMAN

(Newsday correspondent in Viet Nam formerly with The New York Herald Tribune.)

SAIGON — My home address is 482/49 Nguyen Tri Phuong, Cholon. That makes me a refugee. I probably wouldn't have got home much anyhow during the first two weeks of February in South Viet Nam, but as it turned out I've only been home three times and am wondering when I'll be able to make it a fourth. That's what comes of having news come to you.

Too early on the morning of Jan. 31, I finally gave up trying to sleep through what I took for volleys of Tet fire-crackers and wandered out on the terrace with a mug of Nescafe. I was just in time to see the tail end of a column of Vietnamese Army personnel carriers disappear down the street, shooting occasionally. Five minutes later the PCs came back again, and my Vietnamese landlord came over from next door with a swarm of grandchildren who wanted a vantage point to watch the fun. "Don't go out today," my landlord counseled. When I groggily asked why, he explained, "Beaucoup VC."

The Puzzle Pieces

The pieces of the puzzle began to fit together, and I got dressed in loafers and a slack suit. As an afterthought I put on a steel helmet. It was beginning to seem like that sort of a day. American helicopters were shooting the hell out of the neighborhood two blocks farther west. I loitered on the terrace till I saw a company of Vietnamese Rangers filing past and joined them. Two hours later we had progressed four blocks west to Nguyen Van Thoai, or Plantation Road, where bodies were sprawled on all four corners. I caught a ride to downtown Saigon in an ARVN military jeep, filed a story and pictures at 10 p.m. and decided not to go home that night. NBC's Jack Russell generously gave me an air mattress on his apartment floor.

Still Standing

My house is a three-story villa, overpriced and cold-water but comfortably equipped with hi-fi phonographs, tape recorders, my Vietnamese and Thai original paintings and the treasured two-piece collection of Chinese antiquities belonging to roommate John Wheeler of the AP. Two days later, when I passed the street in a US armored car, it was a relief to see the old manse was still standing. A lot of buildings to the east and west weren't. Wheeler, under bombardment at Khe Sanh, had been mak-

ing a nuisance of himself by sending out urgent queries about the fate of his antiquities. I advised AP that the museum was still standing though I couldn't vouch for its contents.

I got home the next day by following a Ranger column through Cholon and stopped off for a change of clothes. My landlord, a gentleman, greeted me warmly. He then explained that the neighborhood was going downhill and for everybody's good I'd better not come home at night. He clinched his point by giving me \$40 for a hotel room. The ground floor was filled with refugee relatives. I gave one of them my air mattress and spent the next few nights on Russell's.

Later in the week, I had occasion to dive into a rice paddy outside Vinh Long. The Willy-and-Joe effect this had on my one ensemble of GI fatigues was kicky for a day or two after I returned to Saigon, but inevitably it began to draw comments. "You look like a pig," Horst Faas commented. "I smell like a

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HOMEcoming FORUM: MBS' Stephen McCormick story. "Every man is his own censor."

OVERSEAS PATS AND PANS FOR

By ALTON KASTNER

The Bulletin recently concluded a five-part series projecting a Profile of the Foreign Correspondent. The survey was based on a poll of OPC's overseas members, prepared by Dr. Leo Bogart, one of the nation's leading public opinion experts.

In the poll, OPCers were asked to comment on *The Bulletin*. A cross section of those responses follows — both praise and criticism are included.

Further comment from Club members in the US will be welcome.

Here are the comments:

- Use more photos and news of overseas members.

- Please maintain *The Bulletin* — very important to us overseas.

- *The Bulletin* is excellent and important, but I would rather have a bigger *Bulletin* every two or three weeks than a smaller *Bulletin* every week. Reports from overseas are more interesting than haggling over the Club's domestic problems and policies.

- Less NY City news and stronger industry trends and reporting.

- It is a very good publication in its present format and policy.

- Would like to see more overseas jobs offered in the classified placement ads.

- Overseas contributors should be

encouraged to say less about who made a swing through where, and more about problems and anecdotes about people making the swings.

- Believe *Bulletin* ought to be larger and appear monthly.

- *The Bulletin* is doing fine.

- Make it more for news media personnel and less for Madison Avenue.

- *The Bulletin* in general is fine, but copy on the domestic activities of non-journalistic members is a profound bore.

- Keep *The Bulletin* going at all costs.

- *Bulletin* should contain more reports, in form of features, on problems facing foreign correspondents in their areas.

- I would like to see more behind-the-scenes problems of those reporting from hot-spots such as Viet Nam.

- More listings of job openings overseas.

- Just keep sending *The Bulletin*. For the man overseas, *The Bulletin* IS the Club.

- Less long articles on current news, more about press facilities, privileges, etc.

- *The Bulletin* has too much gee-whiz outlook and serves as publicity outlet for some members.

- Doing a good job!

MCCORMICK URGES EDITORS TO TELL BALANCED WAR STORY

Broadcast news executive Stephen McCormick last week urged editors to use greater care on material from Viet Nam and to make more effort to balance the story and put it into perspective.

"Too often we go along with a discussion of miniskirts, and then — wham — two minutes of Hue and the bloodshed..." McCormick noted of the news diet on many broadcasts. This, McCormick maintained, inevitably puts the story out of context.

"Editors should make a better effort to balance the picture," McCormick, Vice President of Mutual Broadcasting Network News, told the OPC Homecoming Forum audience.

McCormick was in Saigon a few weeks ago when the current offensive by the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese began. He filed many on-scene reports from the scenes of action while there, unusual on the network executive level. His report on the battle in that city was heard by about 80 Homecoming Forum guests.

The Full Story

The controversial and sensational photograph of South Viet Nam's National Police chief, Brig. Gen. Nguyen Ngoc Loan, executing a Viet Cong on a street-corner was cited as a case in which more explanation was needed to balance the highly emotional content of such a picture. "It's important to keep in mind the emotional circumstances," McCormick noted. He pointed out that Loan and his men had been under siege — from an enemy they couldn't see — and that hundreds of his men had been killed. Gen. Loan, whom McCormick described as "determined, intense, sprightly and tough-minded," reacted from this set of circumstances, a fact that McCormick didn't think had been adequately explained.

McCormick also urged editors to take into account the enormous difficulties and responsibilities their reporters in the field encounter — both in terms of mechanical logistics and judgment of material.

Self-Censorship

"Every man is his own censor," he said, adding that the reporter has to ask himself if the information is going to be of help to the enemy if it can be radioed back to his headquarters in time. McCormick cited a story which had appeared in *The Washington Post* which reported an area of a US troop under-strength — the knowledge of which could aid the enemy.

"Where do we draw the line? The

men in the field must understand more readily what they are doing."

A problem, McCormick said, was that of getting the news out of Saigon. Viet Nam's antiquated French telephone system, which would be bad enough under normal circumstances, is an acute problem under emergency conditions. Often a newsman finds himself competing with a dozen colleagues for one telephone line. Newsmen returning to the states often tell him, McCormick related, "One of the greatest things to happen is to pick up a phone, and it works."

McCormick concluded: "Getting information out of Saigon is almost as difficult as gathering it."

He had praise for government press people. The VOA and USIS people are helpful in gathering and putting together story material and for helping in getting around the country (though McCormick repeatedly noted that one of the greatest problems of a correspondent is transportation in the country). He also lauded the military public information officers. "They told the truth and didn't try to cover up. I don't like double-talk. They didn't double-talk."

Impressions

The MBS executive also reported some general impressions on his trip to the luncheon audience:

— The allied troops, while ready for an attack, didn't anticipate the scope of the offensive. "This was the surprise."

— The offensive was a psychological error on the part of the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese. McCormick cited what he called "the callous disregard for human life," the fact that the attacks were launched during the New Year holiday (Tet), and the planned assassination of officers' wives and children. "Outrage is the best word for the feeling of the people (in Viet Nam)."

— The reaction of servicemen to statements by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and other anti-war spokesmen frequently was, "What about the atrocities of the other side?"

McCormick was introduced to the audience by OPC President *Hal Lehman*, who noted the Homecoming Forums had been designed to give a welcome to returning correspondents and let them have a platform for anything that's on their minds. Also on the dais were Homecoming Forum Chairman *Webb McKinley*, OPC Treasurer *James Sheldon*, and *Pham Huy Bach*, representative of Viet Nam's UN Mission.

The Forums are sponsored by the Club and its Foundation.



McCormick noted difficulties of covering the Viet Nam

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- Keep it going and make it better — spend more on it, not less.

- I don't find the Club of any interest except for *The Bulletin*.

- The OPC should mail *The Bulletin* to government spokesmen and press officers of foreign countries.

- Expand *The Bulletin* — drive for more ads and more editorial comment.

- Just keep it coming — and going.

- More news of cameramen.

- Don't drop it — or I drop out.

- I most appreciate accounts of how a given story was covered.

- There is not a proportionate amount of space devoted to World-Wide Ticker reports. After all, it is the OVERSEAS Press Club, not a Washington-NY Club.

- Keep slugging.

- It's okay with me.

- My only suggestion is that you stress the importance of photography.

- *The Bulletin* is our link with our friends and co-workers.

- Perhaps there should be two *Bulletins*, one for US-based newsmen and one for foreign-based guys who don't give a damn about jolly get-togethers in the Club.

- Do not, PLEASE, abandon *The Bulletin*.

- Make sure *The Bulletin* correspondents are aware of all OPC members at their station.

- Keep it going as it is.

Board (From page 1)

By JERRY ROBINSON

ings or press conferences. It was the consensus of all that the OPC name ought not to be used for propaganda purposes, while at the same time making every effort to assist the free flow of information, without — as Past President Louis P. Lochner put it — “encroaching on any freedom of press or of speech.” Jerome D. Luntz, a Vice-President of McGraw-Hill, appeared at President Lehman’s invitation to speak on this issue, and recommended that use of Club premises not be restricted. He concurred with Lehman, however, on the need for means to protest use of the Club’s name.

Final drafts of several By-Law amendments — voted in principle at the January meeting — were approved. Hereafter, in even years, the Club will elect six Active members of the Board of Governors and two Associates. In odd years, there will be seven Actives and one Associate.

Rotation System

In the up-coming election, the rotation system will be established for the new category of Associates serving on the Board, by a provision that the two Associates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected for two-year terms, while the third-ranking candidate will have a one-year term. Four Active alternates will be named in each election year, for one-year terms. Two Associate alternates will be elected in even years, and one in odd years.

Effective next year, voting members will be those in good standing (house accounts and dues not in arrears, except in special cases certified by the Credit

Committee) as of March 1. The old March 31 cutoff date continues for this year’s election.

In addition to Board members to be chosen in the current elections, the following Governors, elected for two-year terms in 1967, will continue to serve for another year: Anita Diamant Berke, Cornell Capa, Richard de Rochemont, Irene Corbally Kuhn, William L. Lawrence, Madeline D. Ross and Ansel E. Talbert.

Treasurer James Sheldon stressed the point that members must be paid up by March 31, if they are to be eligible to vote in this year’s elections.

Matthew Huttner, Chairman, Board of Trustees of the OPC Foundation, attended at the invitation of the President to request OPC approval for a projected fund-raising event in the Fall. Monies raised would go to support existing pro-

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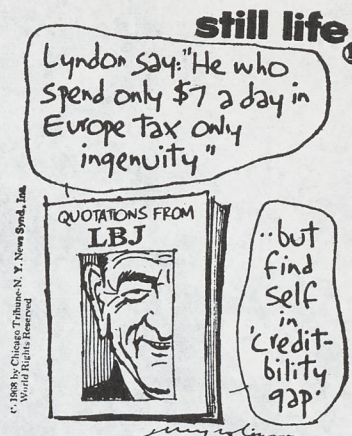
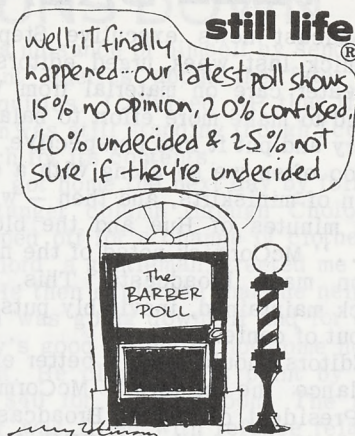
I note with appreciation that the Club is planning a world-wide poll of members regarding their Presidential preferences in both the 1968 conventions and November election. Some time ago, I suggested that a poll be taken to determine how the members stood on the war in Viet Nam, but our president, Hal Lehrman, informed me this was too controversial for a non-partisan organization like the OPC.

I would like to know why the increasingly burning issue of Viet Nam is more controversial than the equally flammable issue of the Presidency. I write not as a hawk, a dove, nor even a chicken, but rather as an ornithologist, and I invite the opinions of my fellow members in respect to this.

Louis Messolonghites

The Presidential preference poll of OPC members was suggested by the Editors of Dateline, 1968. Such a poll was considered appropriate because this is a major election year and the Presidential election is a domestic issue involving members as US citizens.

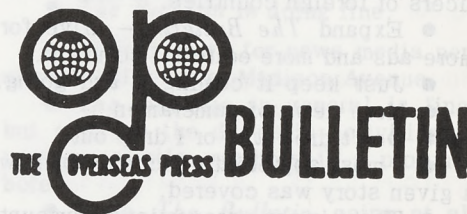
A poll on Viet Nam, however, was not considered appropriate for the Club or its membership. Foreign correspondents are professionally engaged, as objectively as possible, in covering the controversial conflict in Viet Nam, and it would not be in the non-partisan interests of the Club to label its members and the OPC as doves, hawks or any other kind of bird in a poll to that effect — Editor.



grams such as the Edward R. Murrow Forum, library improvement and maintenance, and the overseas scholarships. The Board approved the proposal in principle, conditioned upon presentation of a detailed report from the Foundation’s sub-committee working on the plan.

Cornell Capa, reporting for Chairman Kathleen McLaughlin of the Awards Committee, said that more than 400 entries had been received this year.

A proposal for reciprocal arrangements with the Atlanta, Ga., Press Club was received, and will be acted upon after appropriate inquiries have been completed, including a mutual exchange of constitutions.



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World-Wide Ticker

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do, to be published by Alfred H. Knopf. Miller, now press aide to Sen. Howard Baker, R.-Tenn., was with AP in Brazil for several years.

Col. Thomas J. Cunningham, Jr., US Army, Ret., has been named director of communications for the American Wood Preservers Institute. He was editor of the National Defense Transportation Journal.

John McKnight is on leave of absence from USIA while attending the National War College. He served as counselor for public affairs at the US Embassy in Buenos Aires and as AP editor and correspondent in Charlotte, N.C., Havana, New York, Miami, Mexico City, Lisbon, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, San Juan and Rome.

Anna Chennault has been named vice president for international affairs for the Flying Tiger Line, founded by her late husband, Lt. Gen. Claire Lee Chennault.

Jim Shevis, former night editor of Newhouse Newspapers' Washington Bureau, has joined Reuters as a congressional correspondent.

Word reaches Washington that Barry Zorthian, veteran US press chief in Saigon, is in line for a sort of "super-boss" of the USIA. Edward J. Nickel has replaced Zorthian as Joint US Public Affairs Office head in Saigon. Zorthian becomes special assistant to Amb. Ellsworth Bunker with the title of minister-counselor for information. Eugene Rosenfeld succeeds John McGowan as director of the mission press center in Saigon.

DOWNHILL

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pig," I retorted. "Yes," said Horst.

I slunk home the next day, escorted by Tom Glennon and an NBC television crew. My landlord and the local chef du quartier were drinking heavily at my bar and invited us to join them. The house and its contents were untouched and looked comfy and familiar. "Stay away for another week at least," my landlord advised me over a glass of my Johnny Walker Black Label. "Very dangerous," the hamlet chief agreed. I booked a room at the Caravelle. Refugee life there isn't bad, but for \$30 a day it probably shouldn't be. I'm leaving for Khe Sanh tomorrow. Perhaps the Marines will take me in.

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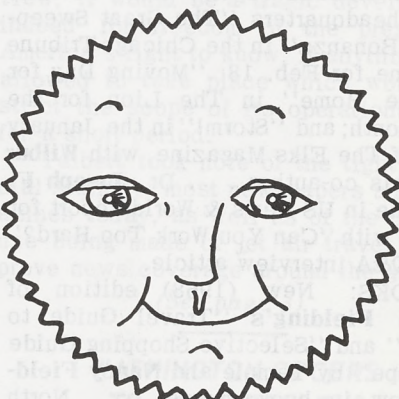
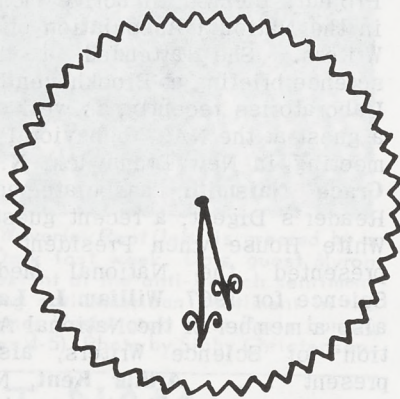
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PEOPLE & PLACES

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ON THE GO: Moscow-based **Aaron Einfrank** to Budapest to cover the pre-summit meeting of world Communist parties . . . **Denny Griswold**, publisher and editor of the Public Relations News, to Puerto Rico Feb. 27 where she is meeting with Puerto Rican public relations leader to evaluate the progress of public relations in Puerto Rico.

CHECKING IN: AP's **Joseph W.D. Novitski** from Brazil.

NEW POSTS: **George Brown** appointed managing editor of the Columbia Journal of World Business . . . **Bill Goodrich** named to the sales and promotion staff of the New York Generals Soccer Club . . . **Hazel Shore Currie** added to the staff of the Miami Beach Reporter . . . **Frank R. O'Connor**, formerly information officer of the Irish Export Board with headquarters in NY, appointed research officer of the organization, with offices in Dublin.

ARTICLES: **Jack Harrison Pollack's** "How to Reduce Office Loafing" featured in March Nation's Business, published by the US Chamber of Commerce. His profile of F. Lee Bailey in March True resulted in interviews on the Barry Gray, Joey Adams and other radio shows . . . Jewish "formerly marrieds" discussed in **Charles Raddock's** special feature in the March issue of B'nai B'rith's National Jewish Monthly . . . **Ted J. Rakstis** reports from Coloma, Mich., headquarters "The Great Sweepstakes Bonanza" in the Chicago Tribune Magazine for Feb. 18; "Moving Day for Welcome Home" in The Lion for the same month; and "Storm!" in the January issue of The Elks Magazine, with **Wilbur Cross** his co-author . . . Dr. **Joseph F. Montague** in US News & World Report for Feb. 26 with "Can You Work Too Hard?" It's a Q&A interview article.

BOOKS: New (1968) edition of **Temple Fielding's** "Travel Guide to Europe" and "Selective Shopping Guide to Europe" by Temple and **Nancy Fielding**, now in book stores . . . North Texas State U.'s department of English reprinting the chapter on Russia excerpted from **Elaine Shepard's** "Forgive



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Us Our Press Passes" in its anthology, "Creative Patterns for Compositions." . . . **Ruth Warren's** fourth book, "The Nile" (McGraw-Hill) off the press this week . . . **Harold Rosenthal** teaming up with Johnny Unitas to write a book entitled "Pro Football's Winning Plays" due this fall from Doubleday.

RADIO & TV: **William Buckley, Jr.**, joining ABC News as a special commentator during the network's coverage of the political conventions.

SPEAKERS: **Roland Gammon** lectured on the theme of his new book, "A God for Modern Man," last week at the New Jersey Women's Club, the New York Universalist-Unitarian Church and the Saratoga Community Forum.

HONORS: **Averell Harriman** to receive the FDR Memorial Award May 6 at the NY Hilton . . . **Ruth Streeter Hatch**, currently a Sloan Fellow in Columbia U's Advanced Science Writing Project, elected to active membership in the National Association of Science Writers. She attended a three-day science briefing at Brookhaven National Laboratories recently, as well as being a guest at the NASW behavioral science meeting in New Brunswick, N.J. . . . **Grace Naismith**, associate editor of Reader's Digest, a recent guest at the White House when President Johnson presented the National Medals of Science for 1967. **William L. Laurence**, also a member of the National Association of Science Writers, also was present . . . **Arthur Kent**, NBC-TV cameraman, elected vice president of Local 11, NABET (technical career people at NBC) . . . **Bill Scott**, executive producer of WMCA Radio's "Prescription for Medicaid," received the Ohio State U. award for 1967 in the public affairs and community problems category.

MARRIED: **Felice M. Goodman** to **Harry C. Levin** on Feb. 25 in NY, where they will live. She's been coordinator of publications in the office of admission services at NYU; he's manager of community relations, American Cyanamid Company in Wayne, N.J.

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LBJ TRIP CATCHES NEWSMEN OFF GUARD

WASHINGTON — President Johnson's spontaneous decision to make the whirlwind 36-hour jet trip to "bid the boys goodbye" caught reporters here off-guard.

Fay Wells, Storer Broadcasting White House correspondent, had gone shopping and dropped by the White House for the noon news briefing where she learned of the coast-to-coast jet trip. She rushed home to pack her bag, barely making the 2 p.m. departure from Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

The Chicago Tribune's Robert Young was found in a supermarket doing his shopping. He rushed off to make the trip wearing a red turtleneck sweater.

Since many White House correspondents had taken the day off, other reporters from their news bureaus were forced to make the trip. Lee Hall, for instance, substituted for Larry LeSeuer.

The President's odyssey took 50 reporters to Fort Bragg, N.C., where LBJ greeted troops departing for Viet Nam; then to El Toro, Calif., where Johnson shook hands with Viet Nam-bound Marines; and to Palm Springs, Calif., where he conferred with General Eisenhower.

The President held a brief midnight news conference in the captain's quarters aboard USS Aircraft Carrier Constellation, where he spent the night.

Fay Wells said that this was the beginning of a series of similar trips for Johnson — ostensibly on official business but political in aim. It is reported that President Johnson's campaigning will include quick unannounced trips to various cities during the Thursday through Saturday period. Jessie Stearns